

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-26 are currently pending, with Claims 1 and 8-26 being withdrawn as directed to non-elected inventions. Claims 2-7 have been amended by the present amendment. The changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 2-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

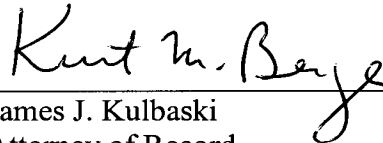
Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 2-7 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is rendered moot by the present amendment to those claims. In particular, Claim 2 has been amended to be directed to a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program for a printer driver that transmits print data to a printer connected via a network to make a print request, by causing a computer to execute various steps, as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-7 are directed to statutory subject matter.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-7 are in condition for formal allowance.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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